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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AFRICAN TRENDS

1) THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY OF AFRICAN TRENDS PREPARED FOR  
JUNE 20. THIS INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND  
ONLY.

2) NAMIBIA  
-- MILITARY ALERT ON ZAMBIA/NAMIBIA BORDER. SOUTH AFRICA  
HAS DENIED ZAMBIAN REPORTS THAT IT IS BUILDING UP ITS  
FORCES IN EAST CAPRIVI WITH AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. OUR  
DEFENSE ATTACHE IN PRETORIA REPORTS, HOWEVER, SOUTH  
AFRICA'S EXPECTATION THAT SWAPO WOULD ATTACK A BASE NEAR  
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KATIMA MULILO IN JUNE OR JULY IN RETALIATION FOR CASSINGA.  
THE ATTACHE BELIEVES THAT SOUTH AFRICAN CONTINGENCY PLANS  
FOR PREEMPTIVE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN VETOED, BUT HE DOES NOT  
RULE OUT SOME SCHEME TO LURE SWAPO FORCES ACROSS THE BORDER  
AND ENTRAP THEM.

-- KAUNDA ON THE LUANDA SUMMIT. IN A JUNE 13 LETTER TO

PRESIDENT CARTER FOLLOWING UP ON NYERERE'S DEMARCHE, KAUNDA STRESSED THE EXTENT OF SWAPO'S "PAINFUL CONCESSION" ON WALVIS BAY AND MADE A PITCH FOR STRONG US PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO RETURN THE ENCLAVE AFTER INDEPENDENCE AND FOR A RECIPROCAL SOUTH AFRICAN CONCESSION ON TROOP LOCATION.

-- ACTIONS OF ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL. STEYN HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION ON JUNE 17 THAT "WILL ENABLE ME ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY ME TO PROCEED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE ELECTION OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY." HE CLAIMED THAT REGISTRATION WOULD BE A NEUTRAL STEP DESIGNED TO REVIVE THE MOMENTUM OF THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. IN ANOTHER POSSIBLE "POSITIVE STEP," HE ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK WOULD BE APPLIED TO ALL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

#### ANGOLA

-- SUMMIT MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE SET. THE LONG-DELAYED EANES-NETO SUMMIT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN GUINEA-BISSAU BEFORE THE END OF JUNE. A SENIOR PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY LISBON THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS NETO MUST COME TO TERMS WITH UNITA IF ANGOLA IS TO "BEGIN THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY," BUT THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR EANES TO PRESS FOR THIS AT HIS FIRST MEETING WITH NETO.

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#### ZAIRE

-- MILITARY. THE LAST OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGIONNAIRES FLEW OUT OF ZAIRE ON JUNE 15, WHILE THE BELGIANS REMAINED IN PLACE WITHOUT DEFINITE DEPARTURE ORDERS, ACCORDING TO OUR CONSUL IN LUBUMBASHI. NO TROOPS FROM THE AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE HAVE YET BEEN DISPATCHED TO KOLWEZI FROM LUBUMBASHI, NOR HAVE THERE BEEN ANY RECENT REPORTS OF HOSTILE ACTIONS IN THE SHABA REGION.

--SENEGALESE ARMY DISPLEASED WITH FRENCH ROLE. ACCORDING TO OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE IN DAKAR, GEN. FALL, THE COMMANDER OF THE SENEGALESE ARMED FORCES, BELIEVES FRANCE HAS DISREGARDED SENEGALESE INTERESTS IN FAVOR OF FURTHERING FRENCH INFLUENCE IN ZAIRE. TO DATE, THE SENEGALESE HAVE HAD TO EQUIP AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE THE CONTINGENT SENT TO ZAIRE. THEY ARE DISTURBED AT HAVING TO PARE THEIR FORCE FROM THE PROPOSED BATTALION TO A "SHIFT FORCE" OF 150 WHICH "WOULD NOT SERVE ANY PURPOSE AND MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY IN THE EVENT OF GROUND COMBAT."

#### NIGERIA

--VIEWS ON ZAIRE. GARBA TOLD OUR CHARGE ON JUNE 15 THAT

HIS GOVERNMENT:

---IS VERY CONCERNED BY THE EUROPEAN AND INTER-AFRICAN INTERVENTION IN SHABA AND EXPECTS THE KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM;

---THINKS IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CREATE AN OAU-INSPIRED INTER-AFRICAN FORCE;

---BELIEVES THAT MOBUTU MUST BE PRESSED BY THE WEST TO CHANGE HIS WAYS, SPECIFICALLY BY ROOTING OUT CORRUPTION, WINNING THE TRUST OF THE KATANGANS, AND REACHING A MODUS VIVENDI WITH ANGOLA; AND

---IS WILLING TO MEDIATE BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA IF IT DETERMINES SUCH A ROLE WOULD BE "USEFUL."

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OUR CHARGE COMMENTS THAT NIGERIA STILL SEEMS PUZZLED AS TO THE BEST WAY TO APPROACH THE SHABA PROBLEM.

-- VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. A NEWSPAPER EDITOR WHO IS A TRUSTED CONFIDANT OF NIGERIA'S TOP LEADERS TOLD AN EMBASSY LAGOS OFFICER LAST WEEK THAT;

---SHABA II WAS ANOTHER CHAPTER IN BLACK-WHITE CONFRONTATION;

---ANGOLA PERMITTED THE SHABA INVASION IN RETALIATION FOR MOBUTU'S SUPPORT OF UNITA, ALTHOUGH ANGOLA ALLEGEDLY GAVE A SECRET COMMITMENT TO NIGERIA LAST YEAR NOT TO ENCOURAGE FRESH KATANGAN INCURSIONS;

---GIVEN NO CHANGE IN THE RHODESIAN SITUATION, CUBAN TROOPS WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN SUPPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WITHIN SIX MONTHS;

---RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA WOULD PROVIDE A SPRINGBOARD FOR THE EVENTUAL ASSAULT ON SOUTH AFRICA.

CHAD

-- FRENCH APPRAISAL. IN A JUNE 14 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR BRADFORD, FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL AID JOURNIAC OBSERVED THAT ANY FORESEEABLE SOLUTION IN CHAD WOULD LAST ONLY THREE OR FOUR YEARS AND WOULD INVOLVE A DEFACTO PARTITION, A PREMISE WHICH MALLOUM SEEMED TO ACCEPT. JOURNIAC VIEWED LIBYA AS THE MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK TO THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS AND NOTED THAT STRONG LIBYAN INFLUENCE IN CHAD WOULD BE A DANGER NOT ONLY TO SUDAN AND NIGER, BUT TO THE CAE, CAMEROON, AND NIGERIA AS WELL.

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--CUBANS? OUR MILITARY ATTACHE IN NDJAMENA REPORTS FRENCH CLAIMS OF A CUBAN PRESENCE IN CHAD ARE BASED ON AN INTERCEPTED CONVERSATION IN SPANISH INVOLVING THE MOVEMENT OF ARMORED CARS IN CENTRAL CHAD. WHILE IT IS LIKELY THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF CUBANS ARE ADVISING LIBYA'S ARMED FORCES, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM REPORTS OF THEIR PRESENCE IN CHAD.

WESTERN SAHARA

-- FRENCH ASSESSMENT. A QUAI APPRAISAL SHOWN TO A DEPARTMENT OFFICER BY THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

---CONTACTS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA HAVE BEEN FRUIT-LESS AND THE STRUGGLE WILL BE LONG-TERM, BUT DIRECT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS UNLIKELY.

---BOUMEDIENE IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE HIS SAHARAN POLICY, WHICH HE HOPES WILL TOPPLE KING HASSAN.

---CUBAN ADVISORS ARE BOTH TRAINING AND FIGHTING WITH THE POLISARIO.

---BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF SAHARANS, MALIAN AND NIGERIAN RECRUITS AND ALGERIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE SERVING WITH POLISARIO UNITS.

ALTHOUGH MOROCCANS HAVE LONG ALLEGED CUBAN INVOLVEMENT, WE HAVE NEVER HAD INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION. VANCE

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